THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): A main rocket launching station already exists in Srihari-kota in Andhra Pradesh having been established by the Indian Space Research Organisation with the first launch carried out in October, 1971. The approved perspective plan for space research and development activities for the decade 1980—90 includes establishment of a new launch range, if necessary, in cooperation with other national agencies. Studies are underway in this regard.

Poverty Alleviation Programmes

1815. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different poverty alleviation programmes which are under implementation;

(b) the details of funds allocated for the above under the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether there is any machinery for constantly monitoring the pro gress of implementation of the above programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL' SUPPLIES ("SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The different poverty alleviation programmes under implementation are—Integrated Rural Development Programme, National Rural Employment Programme, and Rural Landless Employment intee Programme.

(b) The details of funds allocated for the above programmes during the Seventh Five Year Plan are as follows:—

Name of Programme	Amount allocated (Rs. in crores)
IRDP & Allied Programmes .	2642·99
NREP	2487 47
RLEGP	1743 78

(c) The Department of Rural Development is constantly monitoring the implementation of these programmes. In addition, the physical targets and achievements are also being monitored by the Ministry of Programme Implementation under the. Twenty Point Programme.

Shortage of Fuel Wood

1816. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 19th February, 1986 wherein it has been stated that fuel wood shortage by the turn of the present century in India is expected to be around 190 million tonnes; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The shortage of fuel wood in India by the turn of the present century is estimated, however, to be 190 million cubic metres and not 190 million tonnes.

(b) A massive afforestation programme to achieve an annual target of 5 million hectares by 1989-90 has been launched. To achieve this objective, an Action Plan has been prepared by the National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB), with

the approval *»i* the National Land Use and Wastelamde Development Council recently which involves a shift in policy, e»phasis on decentralisation an* increasing people's involvement i» the afforestation programme. The key elements of the Action Plan are: decentralised people's nurseries, more of farm forestry and less *oi* b*ock plantations by government depaitment, emphasis on regeneration of snub forest area, including fodder development through tending and seeding, larger afforestation by the State Forest Development Corporations, captive plantations on wastelands by forest-based industries and strip plantations by the respective departments alongside raiiways, roads and canals. Industries would also be encouraged to develop fuelwood and fodder plantations on wasteland distant from habitats, with a need to develop fuelwood for community use as weil as not to disturb existing com-mun

ddition, efforts are being to reduce fuelwood consumption through more efficient use and by increased utilisation of alterna sources of energy, such as:—

(1) promotion of bio-gas plants.

(2) promotion of solar coo

(3) introduction of fuel-el chulhas.

(4) development and | of fuel-efficient crematoria.

encroachment on Reserve Forest

Land in Kerala and other States

1817. SHRI B. SATYANAR.V REDDY.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of encroachment in the reserve forest 'and In Kerala and other States in the country;

(b) whether Government have framed any scheme or guideline the States to evict such persons from the illegal possession of the reserve forest land in the interest of forest development and ecology;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(6) whether the Central Government propose to give financial assistance *to* the States *to* rehabilitate such persons after their eviction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THEJ MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a.) Kerala has reported that estimated aiea under encroachments is 20805 hectares. Total area of forest reserve land under encroachment in other States and Union Territories exclud-{ ing Sikkim and Mizoram is reported ot be 6,79,827 hectares.

(b) and (c) Guidelines have been ail States that an assessment of the extent of such encroach-n fnts be ma ie and it be ascertained as to how this can be controlled.

No, Sir,

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Signal System and Middle Verges on road near Kalkaji Bus Depot

SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of HOME AF) . u pleased to state:

'her it is a lact that near the Kaifcaji bus depot crossing and near J.K. Automobiles *in* A and B block (Road No. 2, Okh'a Industrial Art -II) no signal system and min ges on road have been pro-
vided.

(b) whether it is also a fact that t of these provisions has led to *mi:.ny* fatal accident, if so, the number of accidents in the last *one* year on these roads:

t steps have been taken to minimi, h accidents in future by provision of middle verges and signal on the road?